

WOMAN SHOTS 3 IN STREET.

BULLETS AIMED AT PHYSICIAN WHO TREATED HER.

One bystander, a Law Student, is badly wounded. Dr. Bierhoff and the other victim get on with slight injuries. Physician Says Woman Is Insane.

Dr. Frederick Bierhoff, a physician with a large practice and a large family, was shot in the back yesterday afternoon by a woman patient, who fired five shots at him at the corner of Fifty-ninth street and Madison avenue. Two of the shots struck the doctor, one in the left shoulder and the other in the right arm. One of the other bullet struck Otto H. Droege, a lawyer, of 61 Park row, and another hit Paul Sheehan, a Columbia University student. The fifth bullet went wild.

Of the men injured young Sheehan was hurt the worst. The bullet struck him in the middle of the back. He was removed from the Presbyterian Hospital to St. Luke's last night and the doctors were trying to find the bullet. Both he and Droege were shot because they happened to be in the crowd on the corner when the woman opened her fusillade on the doctor. Droege escaped with a flesh wound in the arm.

The woman who did the shooting is Ottilia Schneider, who has been living for the last three weeks at 2186 Anthony avenue, in the Bronx. From the fact that she wore a bonnet fashioned somewhat after those worn by Salvation Army ladies she was at first taken for a member of that organization. She told the police that she belonged to the Sisters of Mercy, and that she was a sister in Germany. She has a suit against Dr. Bierhoff for \$25,000 damages for malpractice in the Supreme Court. The State Medical Association is defending it for the doctor.

The woman told a rambling story to the police of having been operated upon by the doctor. According to Dr. Bierhoff, the woman is a paranoiac, has been pronounced by experts as such for the last five years, and has been writing him threatening letters under the delusion that he had injured her.

He got a warrant out for her some time ago in the Yorkville court, but says that the police told him they could not find her. The police believe the woman is crazy.

The place selected by the woman for the shooting could not have been a worse one, as there is a continual crowd transferring from the cars to the street, and vice versa, at St. Anthony's street. According to his story the woman has never visited his office, but a year ago was laid him in the street. He had not seen her again until yesterday.

Dr. Bierhoff left his office about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and walked east through Fifty-eighth street, turning up Madison avenue. The woman apparently had been hanging about the neighborhood for some time. Some persons who were found by the police thought they had remembered seeing her pacing up and down near the corner. The woman was behind the doctor when he turned up Madison avenue, and she fired her shots at him. She was a pale, thin-faced woman and wore a rather expensive Persian lamb coat and a black velvet skirt. She had on a black beanie with a red band across it, like the Salvation Army bonnets, only there was nothing written on this band.

As Dr. Bierhoff, who is a short, slender man, walked up the avenue towards Fifty-ninth street, the woman picked her pace until she was about seven feet behind him. Trolley cars were stopping to unload passengers, and two traffic policemen, Boyle and Long, were busy taking care of the jam of cars and vehicles of all kinds.

Few people noticed the woman, and nobody paid particular attention to her. The doctor started to cross Fifty-ninth street, and the woman, who had got about two feet from the curb when the woman pulled out a six shooter from her breast, leveled it at the man and fired. The first bullet struck the doctor in the left shoulder and made him wheel around. He saw the woman standing there with the smoking gun in her hand, and then he started to run around her, crouching in an effort to get away from the shots. As he started making circles the woman fired again and again. She was turning around, too, following the doctor. The second bullet struck the doctor in the right arm. As the gun kept blazing the crowd of people of terror from the crowds on the corner.

Young Sheehan and Droege had been standing on the southwest corner waiting for cars. Sheehan had his back to the curb, but Droege did not know that he had been hit until later when the blood began to trickle down his arm.

The traffic policeman ran to the woman and grabbed her before she could fire the last cartridge in the revolver. By that time the doctor had ceased firing, and was lying on the ground, his eyes closed, and his hands raised in a gesture of surrender. Before he had gone far two men ran up and grabbed him. The doctor was very pale, he gasped.

The two men pulled him along to where the two policemen were holding the struggling woman. She was holding the doctor's arm, and she was crying and shouting. "I didn't want to shoot him," she said. "I meant to fire in the air and then to horse-whip him." She had \$10 in money and a bundle of papers.

Some of the papers in the suit she had against the doctor in the Supreme Court. The suit was begun in March, 1903, and Howe & Hummel were her lawyers then. There were also what appeared to be signed statements by doctors that they had found the woman suffering from various troubles. At first she said that she was a designer of patterns, and accused the doctor of stealing some of her designs. She said she came here from Germany twelve years ago, and five years ago had gone to Bellevue Hospital. She said that she had been operated upon by the doctor, and that her condition became such that she had to go to Bellevue Hospital. She said that she had visited the doctor first on September 14, 1902, and that it was in the following November that she had gone to Bellevue. The police said they had brought her to the hospital.

"This man has persecuted me," she kept repeating.

THE SCHOONER SPEARS THE MAIN

TANGLE WHERE THE SHIP CHANNEL JOINS THE SWASH.

Sails Have the Right of Way Over Steam. Even on Steamer Day, and They Often Take It to the Limit—Main Had Two Schooners to Dodge at One Time.

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